

DRAFT Timeline of Activities and Public Input Opportunities for the 2007-08 Biennial Groundfish (GF) Management Regulations Development Cycle: Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), Fish and Game Commission (FGC), and California Department of Fish and Game (DFG)			
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January 2006			* Groundfish Task Force meeting: constraints, data, summary of analysis, priorities: January 11, Los Alamitos and Belmont * Public Meetings to review and discuss issues surrounding the range of management options and identify constituent priorities: Jan 25 - Oakland, Jan 31 - Los Alamitos
February 2006	GMT Meeting February 6-10 Portland Purpose: Further develop impact analysis of management measure alternatives Allocation Committee Meeting held concurrently during GMT meeting to include GMT, Council staff, and NMFS staff February 7-9 Portland Purpose: Refine overfished species allocation recommendations; provide guidance to GMT on range of management measures for analysis.	FGC Meeting February 2-3 Sacramento * FGC Marine Subcommittee Meeting February 23,24,27,28 or March 1	DFG informs FGC about issues that we will be seeking guidance on for March FGC meeting DFG briefs subcommittee on stock assessment results and potential impact on selected OYs. * Communicate with Regional Focus Groups as needed February 22-28. Pre-Council meeting call with CA delegation March 1 or 2.
March 2006	PFMC meeting March 5-10, Seattle, WA Note: Management options for 2007-08 are not on this meeting's agenda. * DFG/GAP/TaskForce - Evening meeting during PFMC week (to be determined)	* FGC Meeting March 2-3 Riverside	Seek FGC guidance on preferred OYs for scorpionfish; minor nearshore rockfish including gopher, and lingcod; reaffirm cabezon in preparation for management option development and April PFMC meeting. * End of March – conference call with Groundfish Taskforce to refine management options and identify preferences.

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April 2006	* PFMC meeting April 2-7, Sacramento, CA Purpose: Adopt final 2007-2008 harvest specifications (ABCs and OYs). Adopt a range of refined management measures and, if possible, preferred options.	* FGC Meeting April 6-7 Monterey * FGC Marine Subcommittee Meeting April - 20-31	DFG briefs Subcommittee on preferred OYs and discusses refinements to management options in preparation for June PFMC meeting.
May 2006		* FGC Meeting May 2-4 Tahoe City	
June 2006	* PFMC meeting June 11-16, Foster City, CA Purpose: Take final action on 2007-2008 groundfish management measures.		Recreational 2007 & 2008 Groundfish State Regulation Package Development.
July 2006	Draft EIS sent to NMFS HQ		
August 2006	NMFS publishes proposed rule in Federal Register. * 45 day federal public comment period begins	* FGC Meeting August 3-4 Sacramento. Recreational 2007 & 2008 Groundfish Regulations Noticed.	* 45 day state public comment period begins following FGC August notice meeting.
September 2006	NMFS - 45 day public comment period ends on DEIS September 11		
October 2006		* FGC Meeting October 5-6 San Diego. Discussion and adoption of 2007 & 2008 recreational groundfish regulations.	DFG prepares final rulemaking package following adoption by FGC.
November 2006	NMFS – Final rule published in Federal Register November 29	* FGC Meeting November 2-3 Redding. Adoption and discussion meeting for 2007 & 2008 recreational groundfish regulations if necessary.	
December 2006			
January 2007	Regulations go into effect for 2007 season		Regulations go into effect for 2007 season